

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

January 20, 2021, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and welcome

Meeting called to order by Chair member Judy Fraser at 7:00 p.m. The following meeting was held electronically pursuant to Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-27. Attendance is listed below.

Type	Name	Attendance
Member	Marian Carroll	Present
Member	Diana Dakik	Present
Member, Chair	Judy Fraser	Present
Member	Richard Gongaware	Present
Member	Timothy Killian	Present
Member	Ben Lebron	Present
Member	Michael Lee	Present
Member, Vice Chair	Alice Lippert	Present
Fairfax High School Liaison	Billy Bates	Present
Member	Mitch Sutterfield	Present
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present
Staff	Satoshi Eto	Present
Staff	Cathy Salgado	Present
Guest	David Meyer, Mayor	Present
Guest	Doug Moseley	Present

2. Public comments

There were no public comments.

3. Consideration of the December 16, 2020 meeting minutes

Tim Killian moved to adopt the meeting minutes, which was seconded by Alice Lippert and carried unanimously.

4. Stormwater Utility Presentation

- Speakers:
 - 1.Satoshi Eto, Stormwater Resource Engineer, City of Fairfax
 - 2.Doug Moseley, Director, Water Resources Policy & Planning, GKY & Associates, Inc.

Satoshi and Douglas provided an introduction to the concept of a Stormwater Utility, provided information on the feasibility study that's in progress, and outlined the next steps that would be involved in the development of a Stormwater Utility.

The Stormwater Fund is supported by a portion of the real estate tax rate and provides funding towards stormwater infrastructure maintenance, municipal stormwater permit compliance, drainage improvement projects, and environmental projects to meet local and Chesapeake Bay pollutant reduction goals. Regulatory requirements, the increased intensity and frequency of severe storm events, and increased construction costs have generated additional stormwater needs. A Stormwater Utility was discussed as an equitable approach to meet growing stormwater needs that could provide a stable and dedicated funding source, and incentivize community involvement in addressing the effects of stormwater runoff.

Staff welcomes the ESC's assessment and input on the development of a Stormwater Utility. Judy proposed that the ESC prepare a letter to the Mayor and City Council in regards to the Stormwater Utility and provide their input and recommendations.

5. City Council work session discussion (Work session date: February 2, 2021)

The ESC reviewed and discussed the PowerPoint slides for the joint work session with the Mayor and City Council.

6. Development review projects

Agenda item was deferred to a future meeting date.

7. Committee Introductions

Agenda item was deferred to a future meeting date.

8. Chairperson's items

None

9. Committee and student representative items

Tim: Recommended that the ESC put information in the City Scene about proper disposal of used oil.

10. City staff items

- Urban Forestry Program Evaluation Report update: The draft report is scheduled to be submitted for public review in late February.
- EV Chargers: 4 EV chargers were recently installed (2 at City Hall and 2 at Old Town Hall)
- Solar Tax Rebate Extension: The COVID spending bill that was just passed includes a 2-year extension of the 26% solar tax credit (that was supposed to reduce to 22% in 2021). The extension should help keep solar pricing low for PPAs and other third-

party mechanisms where tax-eligible companies are able to claim the tax credits and pass those savings on to government customers.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is February 17, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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